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## **5th Annual FREEDOM SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY Contest**

A major objective of this contest is to assist our college bound recent High School graduates in the Milwaukee area to better understand where their paths lead. We hope that this contest will help our youth appreciate the sacrifice that African-American men and women of our past have made, and recognize their duty to continue the legacy of freedom through their activism and vigilance.

### **2012 Scholarship Essay Contest Topic**

Students responding to this year's writing contest should analyze the concept of "freedom" and then, in a essay of no more than 1000 words: *(a) analyze why it is so vital that the remembrance, history and lessons of freedom be passed to a new generation; and (b) suggest what they, as students, can do to combat and prevent prejudice, discrimination and violence in our world today.* **See contest rules below for complete details and submission requirements.**

In preparation for writing, students should research information from a variety of sources to assist them in the study of the celebration of freedom. Primary and secondary source material could include: historical and reference material; interviews; oral testimonies; official documents and other primary sources; readings from diaries, letters, autobiographies and works of poetry; video or audiotapes, films, art, CD-ROM and Internet sources.

### **Eligibility**

To be eligible all students must be City of Milwaukee residents and recent high school graduates (2010, 2011, 2012) who attended a public, private, parochial school, home school or participating in a high school correspondence program in the City of Milwaukee. Preference will be given to residents in the 6<sup>th</sup> District.

Students who are not planning to attend a two or four year college in the fall of 2012 are not eligible.

For more information, please contact: Akuwa Dantzler at (414) 286-8640 or [adantz@milwaukee.gov](mailto:adantz@milwaukee.gov).



## **FREEDOM SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST**

### **STUDENT REGISTRATION FORM** **Deadline August 13, 2012!!! NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

#### **Student Information (type or print with black ink)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone Number ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Name of College or University that you are attending or have been accepted to

\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Essay Word Count \_\_\_\_\_

How did you find out about this contest? \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Certification Information**

I certify that this essay is my own work. I agree to abide by all guidelines and requirements of the 2012 5th Annual Freedom Scholarship Essay Contest. I understand that my essay will not be returned and will become the property of the Freedom Scholarship Essay Contest to use at its discretion and that the judges' decisions are final.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## **RULES AND GUIDELINES**

1. Submit four copies of an original work in English on the designated topic. Include with your essay, title page, numbered and sources. Creative writing is encouraged.
2. Submit four copies of a comprehensive list of sources consulted, as well as one completed registration form signed by you.
3. All submissions must include a word count, excluding the list of sources and the registration form.
4. Entries must be typed, double-spaced, in 12-point Times New Roman or an equivalent font with a one-inch margin on all sides of the page.
5. Attach and staple one registration form to your completed essay.
6. Must include a copy of acceptance letter or transcript.
7. Must include a copy of a photo ID (i.e. student ID, drivers license, state ID)
8. You must include your name, home address, and phone number. You must sign this registration form.
9. E-MAILED OR FAXED APPLICATIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE!
10. Do not place your name or your school's name on any of the pages of the essay.
11. Your essay will be disqualified if it does not meet the requirements or is postmarked after the submission date of **August 13, 2012**.

## **Getting It There**

Mail four legible copies of your essay, include a title page and number each page along with a copy of your registration form, to:

**Akuwa Dantzler  
Scholarship Coordinator  
2012 5th Annual Freedom Scholarship Essay Contest  
PO Box 1751  
Milwaukee, WI 53201**

Your essay will become the property of the Freedom Essay Scholarship Contest once it is submitted, and will not be returned.

## **Deadline**

Your entry **MUST** be postmarked no later than **August 13, 2012**.

***The decisions of the judges are final. Thank you for your essay submission!***